

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 – 16 are hereby pending. Claims 1, 5 – 9, 11, 13, and 15 – 16 are amended by way of the present amendment. Support for the amended claims may be found in the originally presented claims and in the Specification, for example, at page 3, lines 6 – 13; page 5, lines 6 – 9; page 5, line 14 – page 6, line 5; page 8, lines 6 – 10; and Examples 2 – 11.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, indefiniteness

Claims 1 and 5 – 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being "indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Non-Final Office Action at page 2. The Examiner further asserts that "Claims 5 – 9 are vague and indefinite since it is not clear whether it is intended that the modifications recited in each of these claims, is intended to be in addition to those recited in claim 1." *Id.* at page 3. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection, but have amended the claims in order to facilitate prosecution by adopting the Examiner's helpful suggested claim amendments.

As such, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are rendered moot and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Objections

Consistent with the Examiner's rejection, Claim 16 has been amended to include a "period" at the end of the claim. As such, the claim objection is rendered moot and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any additional information is required.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. If any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-4254, referencing Attorney Docket No. 2912956-027000.

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